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Aug. 18- 2003 Acura obtained a large scratch from the key hole to part of the rear driver side panel in Lot 2.

Aug. 19- A Chevrolet was rear ended by a park Ford truck when the emergency break went out. The There was damage to the Ford.

Aug. 20- Three non-WSU individuals were trespassed after Police K9 Tito found marijuana and drug paraphernalia in an apartment in the Village.

Aug. 24- A box of "Sugar Pellets" (sugar tablets) stolen from an office in Biological Science Building #2. No signs of forced entry. No other property stolen. \$80 loss.

Aug. 25- Copper wire was stolen from White Hall. \$438 loss.

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COL. Peter Mansoor, U.S. Army (Retired), and GEN Raymond Mason, Jr., chair of military history at the Ohio State University will talk about Iraq and the important of military history on Thursday, April 28. The film "The Hurt Locker" will be show afterward. It will start at 6 p.m. in 112 Oelman Hall.

In May, \$12,000 in scholarship money from the League of Latin American Citizens will be awarded to students at Wright State.

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Rinzler Sports Complex: Positive or Negative

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Debate about the funding of the Rinzler Sports Complex continues within the Wright State University community, despite the fact that the complex is near completion.

According to the Director of Campus Recreation, Eric Corbitt, the Rinzler Sports Complex's turf football and soccer fields are almost finished. Still under construction is the building that will house a concession stand, team rooms and restrooms. The complex is estimated to be completed by Sept. 26.

Controversy over the project emerged from the debate about funding the Rinzler project.

One funding source was from Allan Rinzler, a former member of the WSU Board of Trustees, who donated 1 million.

Rinzler was quoted in Dayton Daily News in June saying his donation was in effort to create a better "campus life."

Altogether the project cost \$4 million to fund. Some faculty and students have found this project to be unnecessary and costly, especially when the university laid off staff last year.

"I believe that spending money to put in new athletic facilities at the time is a poor use of scarce resources," Dr. Rudy Fichtenbaum, economics professor at WSU said.

"Misplaced-Priorities" is the title of pieces Fichtenbaum wrote in

effort to speak out about his concerns of WSU's funding towards the sports complex.

In these pieces he emphasizes that while class sizes are increasing tenured staff is decreasing. He also notes that faculty are not the only ones who are suffering economically from WSU's skewed priorities, but the students are too.

"Tuition has been skyrocketing and students are taking on more and more debt, while the prospects for getting good high paying jobs are diminishing," Fichtenbaum said.

Not everyone sees the Rinzler Sports Complex as a negative addition to WSU.

Daniel Thomas, last year's student government president and current member of Ohio Student

Government Association, responded to Dr. Fichtenbaum's "Misplaced Priorities."

"Our ability to remain a competitive university rest solely on our commitment to creating programs, adopting policies and building facilities that attract quality students to our university...in a way that increases retention and graduation-completion rates," Thomas said.

Thomas adds that Fichtenbaum is the leader of WSU's American Association of University of Professors an organization that promotes collectively bargaining. As the leader, Fichtenbaum has opposed many construction upgrades for athletic buildings that have helped create revenue for WSU.



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Student Government budget distribution

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Student Government is working with Dr. Gary Dickstein, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and Director Community Standards and Student Conduct, to plan the transition from last year's budget to the 2011-2012 school year's budget.

Each year the Student Organization Budget Committee (SOBC) decides how much each organization, including Student Government, will receive.

A panel of students, appointed by Dickstein, listens to each organization's presentation about their request for funding. The panel meets with faculty administrators to determine how much to distribute

to each organization.

This year the panel and faculty administrators were responsible for assigning \$600,000 among the organizations. Last year Student Government received \$125,000.

Paul Reed, this year's Student Government president, explains how the money from SOBC is spent.

"Student Government exists for the sole purpose of serving the student body and ameliorating the growth of the student involvement on campus, we want to ensure you and your readers that regardless of the amount SOBC allocates to us for a given year, the entirety of that amount is put towards programs, activities and promotions put on by Student Government for the benefit of the student body," Reed said.

Majority of the funds are spent on programs like Bus to Butler, Homecoming and helping to promote smaller student organizations.

After the funds are assigned SOBC monitors how the organizations spend their money.

"When the funds are allocated by the SOBC, they also provide approval of what the funds can and cannot be spent for," Dickstein said.

SOBC is a part of the approval process of how funds are spent and if organizations go over budget then the money is deducted from the organization's funds for next year.

SOBC and Student Government provide checks and balances to ensure that funds are spent with a purpose that both organizations agree with.

"Our organization works very hard during the summer transition period to guarantee that no budget discrepancies exist and that one will not occur during the upcoming year... every member of student government is ever mindful of the fact that our organization's only goals are to work, and advocate for student at Wright State University," Reed said.

Car runs into two on-campus apartment doors

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According to a Wright State University Police report, on Monday, Aug. 1 a Ford Taurus GL ran through two doorways in the on-campus apartment Sequoia in Forest Lane.

Upon police arrival to the scene the owner of the Ford and the apartment tenant were standing outside.

At that time the Ford was in a parking spot in front of the apartment.

The two individuals told police that no one was hurt.

The apartment doors were boarded up but have since been repaired.



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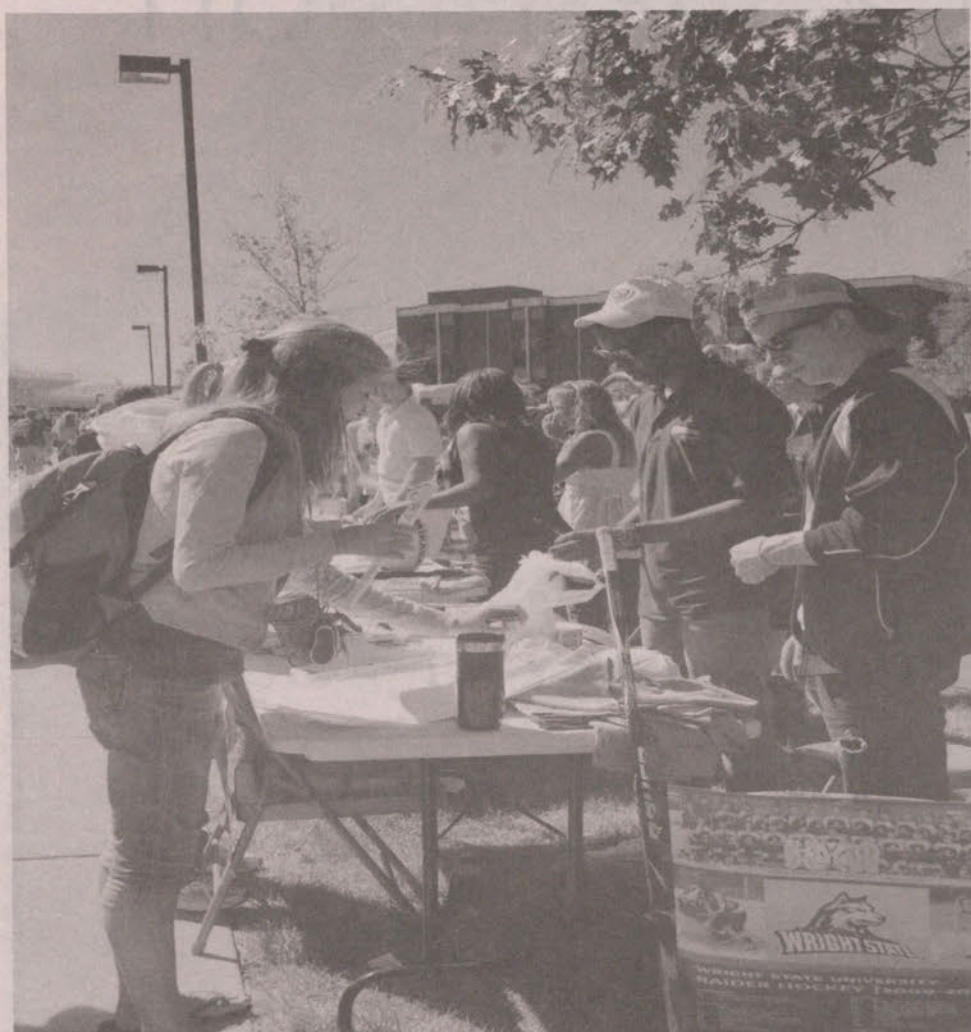
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Fall Fest welcomes students



Student visits the campus organization booth at the previous Fall Fest.

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On September 9th everyone is invited to Wright State's annual Fall Fest from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be located behind Hamilton Hall and the Student Union.

"Fall Fest is a really great way to welcome everyone back to campus, especially freshmen," said Emily Sexton, Vice President for the University Activities Board.

This year's Fall Fest theme is Ancient Greece. There will be DJs courtesy of WWSU, games, contests, vendors, booths and more.

Patrick Holbrook, junior and co-captain of the University Activities Board attended Fall Fest last year. "I like the way it's set up to give freshmen the best chance they can to get involved," said Holbrook.

Both Holbrook and Sexton agree that Fall Fest is a great way to get involved in organizations on campus. Campus organizations have booths to provide informational pamphlets, games and free items for students. Whether a student is a freshman or a senior, Fall Fest provides an experience to remember.

In the past years Fall Fest

showcased bull riding, cornhole contests, spin the wheel contests from local banks and businesses, inflatable obstacle courses and multiple giveaways.

"We're such a diverse community. It's (Fall Fest) a way to show our diversity, show pride in our school," said Sexton.

Pool party kicks off fall season

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Summer vacation may be over, but the parties are in full swing. The Black Student Union and the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity joined together to bring students and faculty the Black Ice Pool Party.

The event will take place on Sept. 8th from 8:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. It will be located at the Student Union pool.

"Everybody is invited to come," said Aaron Stokes, President of the Black Student Union.

Anyone with a Wright State ID may attend the event. Students and faculty are invited to swim, dive and listen to music provided by WWSU DJ 4 Seasons. For those who do not want to swim and prefer socializing, the bleachers will be open for hanging out.

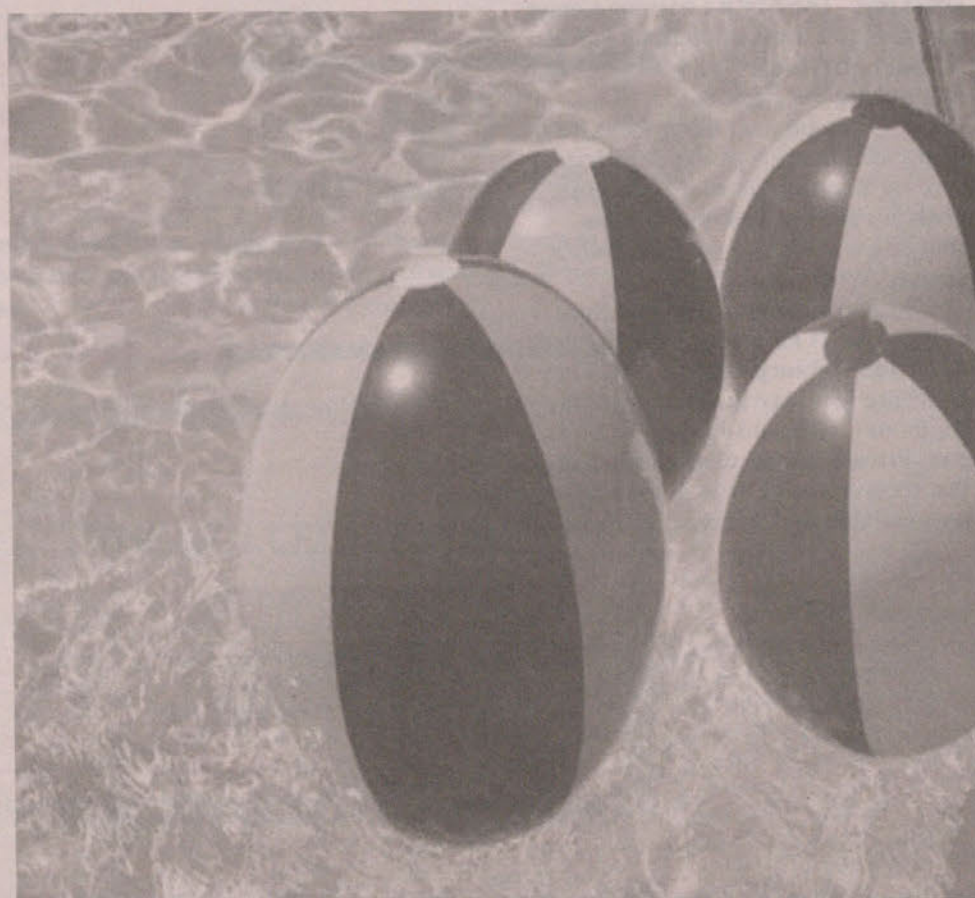
This is the first year for the Black Ice Pool Party. In the past there

was the Blue Ice Pool Party, hosted by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the Black Student Union.

The party is called the Black Ice Pool Party for two reasons. First, one of Alpha Phi Alpha's fraternity colors is black. Second, according to Stokes, "We are known as the oldest and coldest fraternity."

Anyone interested in attending the event only needs their swim suit and their WSU ID in order to enjoy one last grasp of summer.

"I'm looking forward to seeing students and faculty of all walks of life. We invite all races, backgrounds, ethnicities; we invite everyone," said Stokes.



Staying on track freshman

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The transition from a high school senior to a college freshman is difficult. There are important skills every freshman should acquire his or her first year.

Study habits are one of the most important skills a freshman should have.

"Study in groups if you can because you have a chance to ask questions of each other," said Edwin Mayes, Director of the First Year Experience.

In order to avoid falling behind, Mayes suggested to do school work every day, set a study schedule, be prepared when going to class and stay at least one day ahead.

Many students do not keep track of their grades during freshman year. It is important to talk to professors to avoid surprise grades at the end of the quarter. Mayes also suggested students learn how their GPA is calculated.

Wright State provides services for students who feel lost or need help to get on track. "The Student Academic Success Center provides writing assistance. The Math Learning Center provides free walk-in help up to Calc. II," said Shavonia Wynn, Coordinator of Tutoring Services.

"The biggest thing they (freshman) need to do is utilize the services here on campus, set small academic goals for themselves, try to make studying a habit and set up a routine," advised Wynn.

The Student Academic Success Center is located in the basement of Dunbar Library, room 023R. Their hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Private tutors, who are students that received an A or B in the subject, are available seven days a week from 7

a.m. to 10 p.m.

Tutoring is free for one hour per week, per class for freshmen. After the first hour it is \$5 an hour billed to the bursar.

"Tutoring Services provides one-on-one tutoring in over 100 classes at the university. Even if you have a problem with procrastination, we can help you with that," said Wynn.

Other resources include advisors, faculty members and the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, which also provides tutoring.

"Make a schedule for yourself and stick to it, keep positive people around you who care about your education and get involved around campus," said Mayes.

Helpful hints for success:

- get to know your professors
- repetition helps you retain information
- set aside study times
- find a calm/quiet study area
- organize study groups
- study the material over time rather than cramming
- exercise good sleeping habits
- utilize your resources--ask for help



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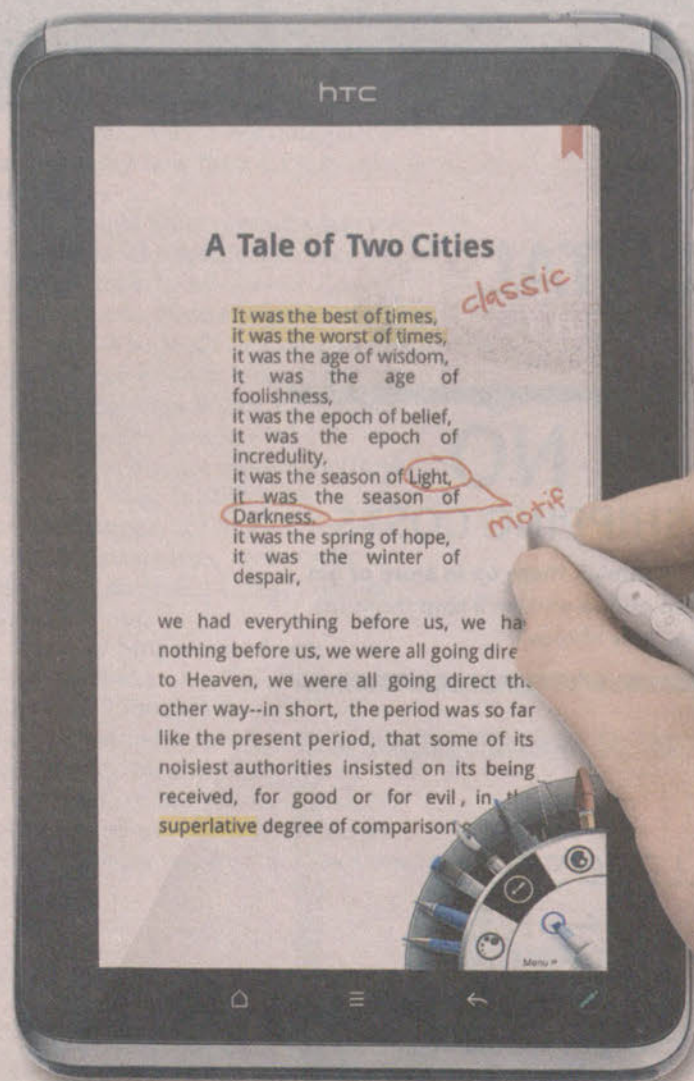
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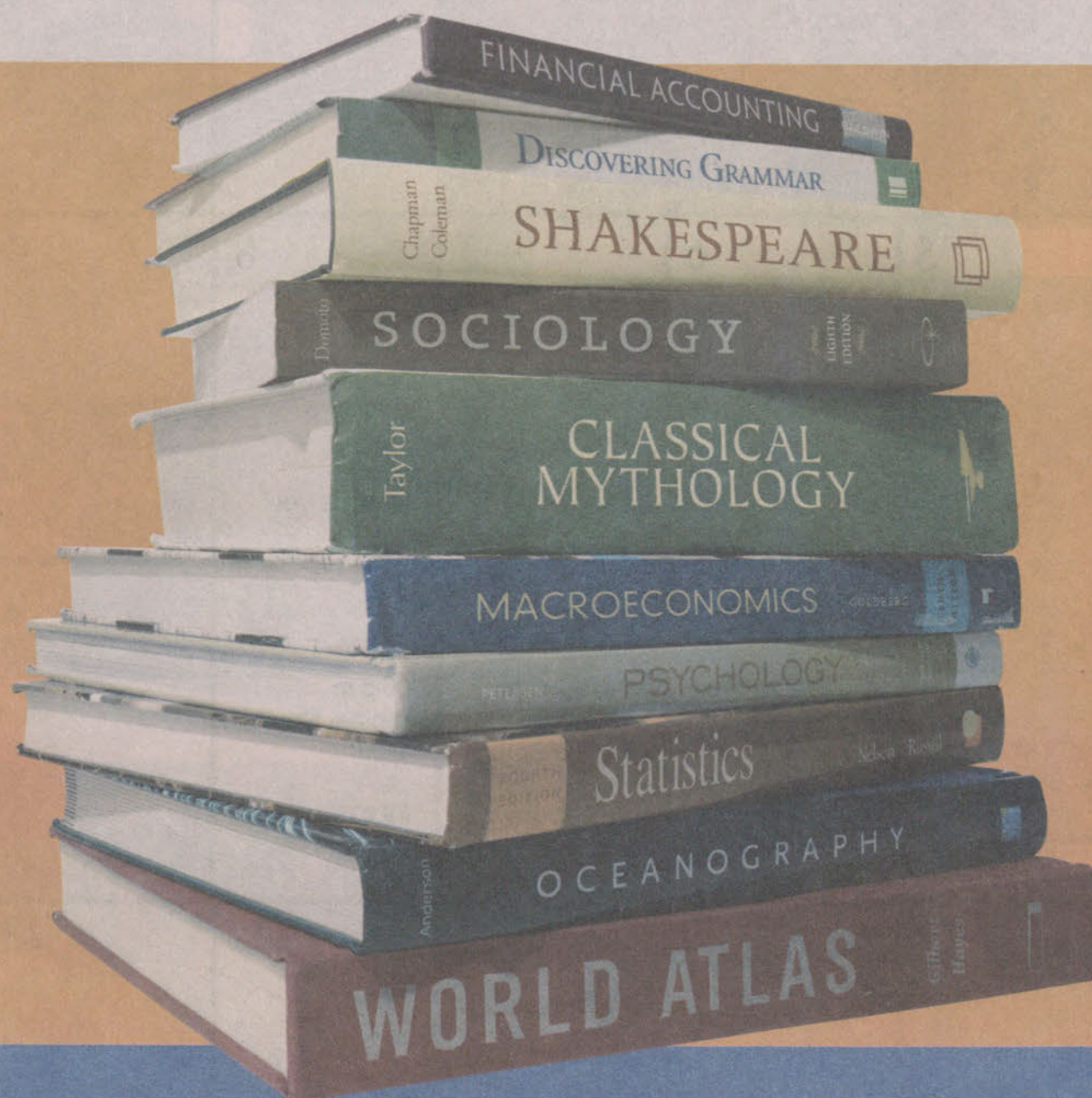


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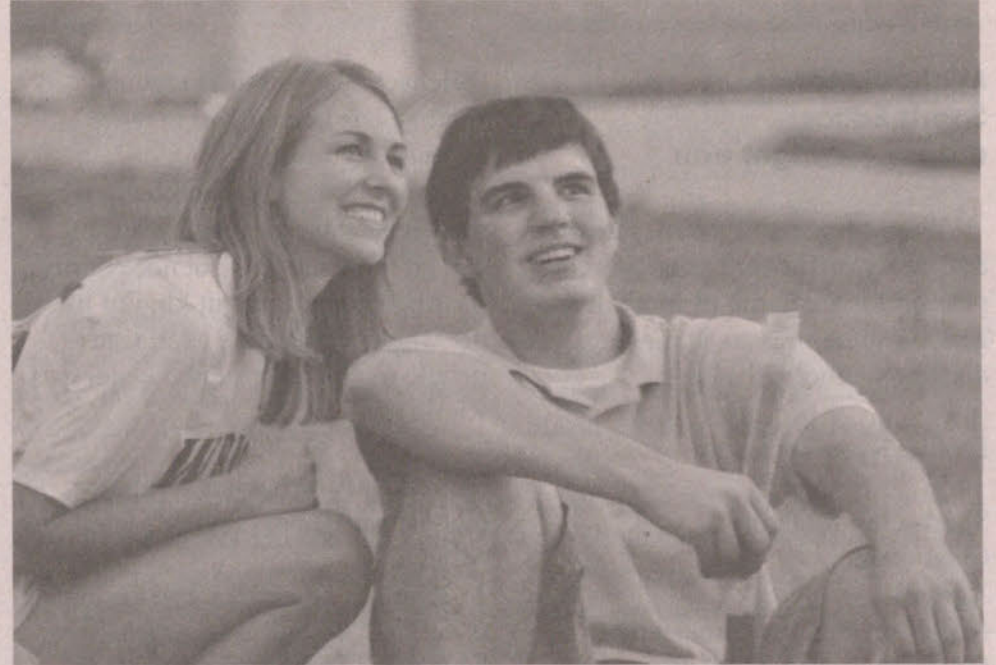
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Were you spotted on campus?



A student stacks cans at Do the U.



Students test their pop culture knowledge.

Raider Insider: Ryan Tucker

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Wright State University student athlete Ryan Tucker has an extreme passion for the game of football and he took some time to sit down to discuss his football career.

Profile: Ryan Tucker

Sport- club football

Class- senior

Age- 21

Major- mechanical engineering

Hometown- New Carlisle

Position- tight end, defensive end

Michael: "Ryan, who introduced you to the game of football and why did it appeal to you?"

Ryan: "I was introduced when I was six years old by my dad because he was the football coach... and it just appealed to me because it was a big part of my dad's life I just wanted to play and go out and have some fun."

Michael: "At what age did you start playing and what was the first team you played on?"

Ryan: "I was seven years old when I first started playing and I played for the New Carlisle Cubs, and I just want to throw it out there that we did win first place in league that year."

Michael: "Where did you play high school football and what position?"

Ryan: "In high school I played at Tecumseh which is up in New Carlisle and I played center, guard and inside linebacker."

Michael: "What has kept you motivated after high school to play for the club football team here at WSU?"

Ryan: "Just the fact of the brotherhood that's there with football. Those guys out there will stand behind you and fight for you no matter what." "I have made so many more friends and it's like a second family out there and that's what draws me to it."

Michael: "Do you feel playing football has helped you in other aspects of your life?"

Ryan: "I do, I feel football gives me a leadership quality because I can go out there and not necessarily boss people around but kind of like the whole team effort I can lead people to do better and be better as a whole."

Michael: "What has been the hardest part about playing football in college?"

Ryan: "The hitting. The hitting in college football is so much more intense than high school football."

Michael: "Who has had the biggest influence on your football career?"

Ryan: "I would definitely have to say that's my dad. He's been my coach ever since the first grade and he was always a middle school coach when I was in high school and he's always stuck there with me and gave me everything I needed and wanted."

Ryan has high expectations as he enters into his second year with the team. He hopes this year in the team's third season; they can make it the best one yet

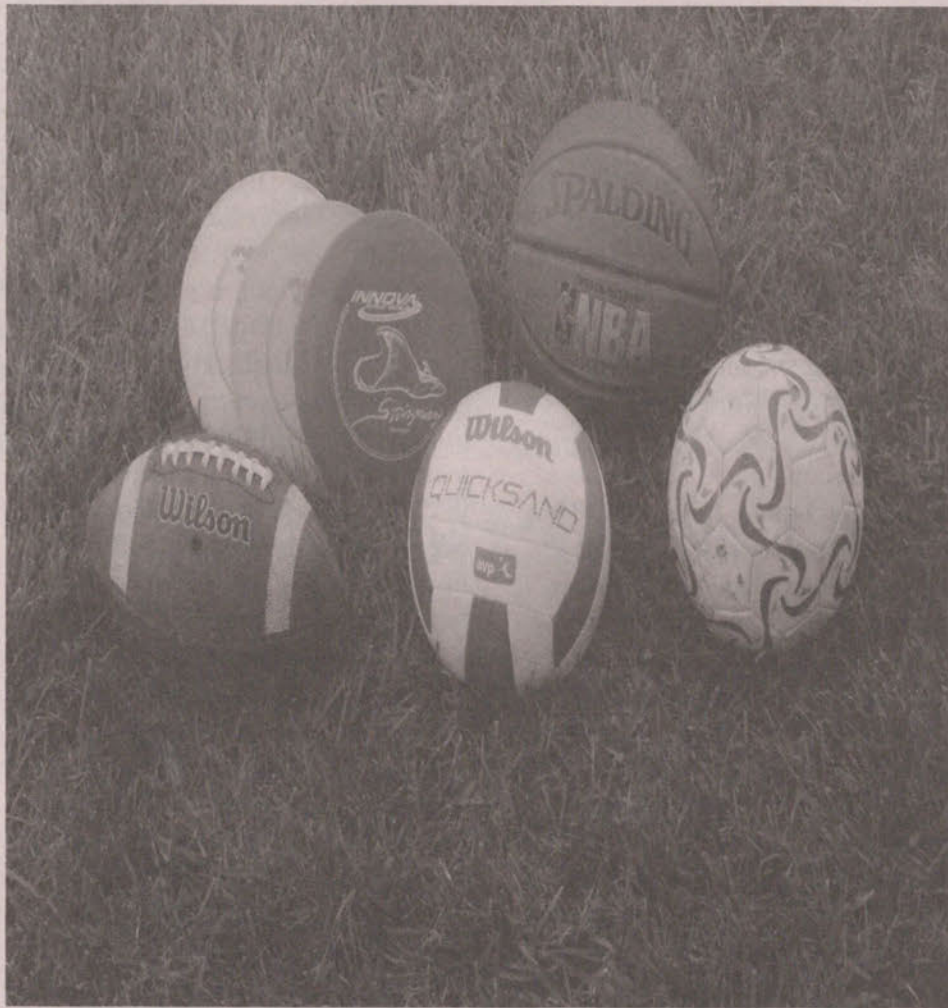
Also, due to the NFL and college seasons starting up, Ryan gave his opinion about who he felt was a frontrunner to win the Superbowl and the BCS National Championship game.

"I want to say the Bengals but I doubt that is going to happen so I kind of like the 49ers for some reason as a dark horse. BCS National Championship I am going to go Stanford; I like Andrew Luck and his boys out there on the west coast," said Tucker.



Ryan Tucker after a hard days work on the football field.

Intramurals starting soon



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The start of a new school year means that students will once again be able to participate in their favorite sports programs by playing WSU intramurals.

Many different sports are being offered for the fall season including football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and a onetime Frisbee golf tournament.

Registration has already begun for most of the sports and will continue until late September. In each sport there are separate leagues for men, women, and coed among other more specialized leagues.

Most of the sports require a team fee of \$25-\$40 depending on the sport.

For all the information concerning fall intramurals, you can visit www.imleagues.com. Here you will find information on how to join a team,

create a team, and all other important information dealing with registration deadlines and fees.

The Office of Campus Recreation is located in the Student Union room 092 where assistance is offered for becoming involved intramurals.

Sports offered fall 2011:

Basketball: Co-Rec

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Frisbee golf tournament

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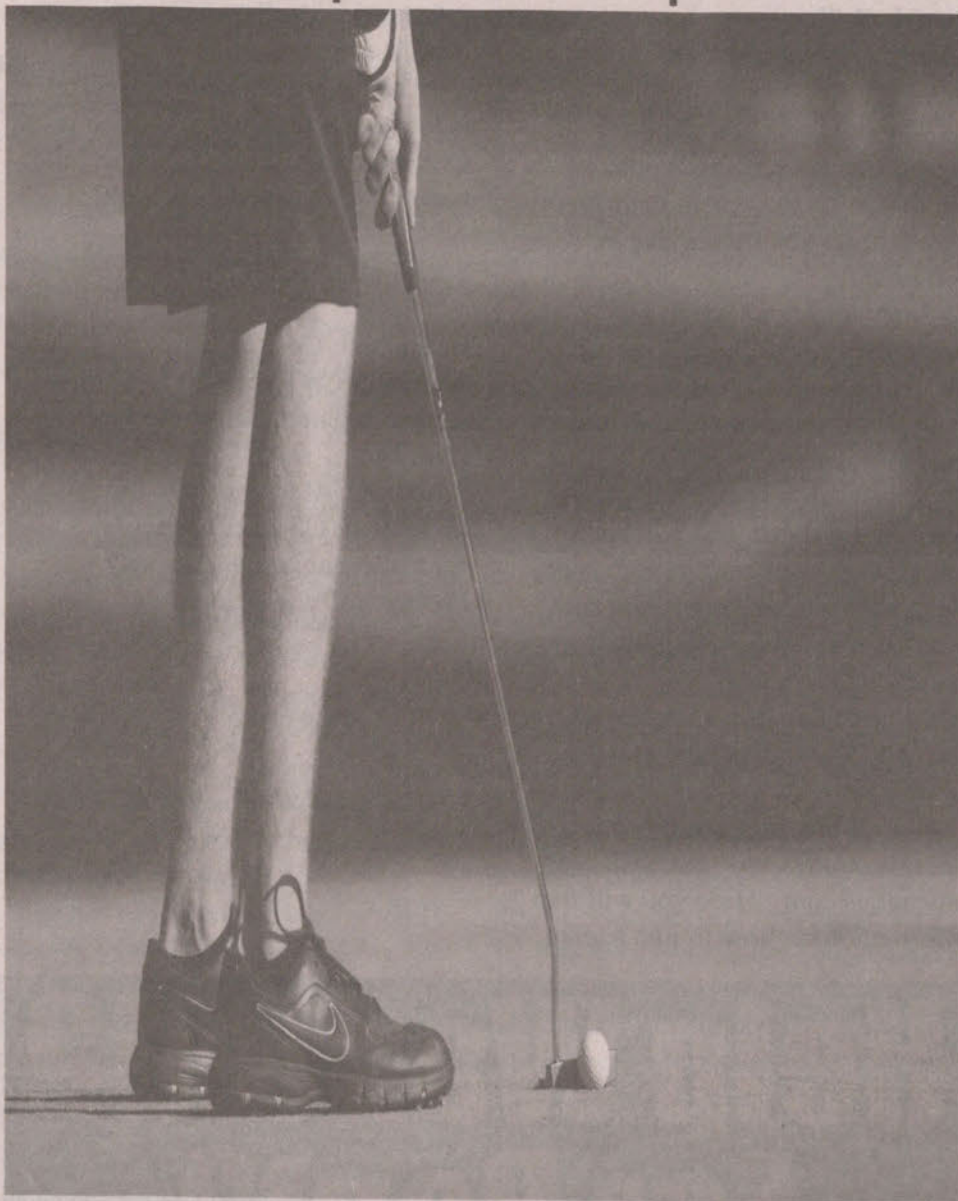
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Golf team strives for Horizon League Championship



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After finishing second in the Horizon League Championship last spring, the Wright State men's golf team expects more this fall.

The result—the best for the team since placing second in 2005—does not satisfy Head Coach Peter Samborsky.

“The second place finish was a good finish, but we failed to meet our goal,” Samborsky says. “At the beginning of the season—then and now—our goal is to win the conference championship and move onto the NCAA tournament.”

Although Matt Crace and Charlie Doll—a member of the 2011 All-Horizon League team and the runner-up at the Horizon League Championship in 2009—graduated, seniors Scott Thompson and Jordan Higgins return. Thompson was also a member of the All-Horizon League team last year, while Higgins finished third in the conference championship.

“Charlie was a great player and contributor. There’s gonna be a hole left in the roster, but I think we have some players ready to step up,” Samborsky says. “I look for Scott Thompson and Jordan Higgins to be

the leaders.”

Samborsky characterizes Higgins as a “fighter” whose work ethic and determination will influence his teammates. Higgins agrees and expects the team to improve their results.

“Being a senior, it’s my time to take more of a leadership role. I got third last year in the Horizon League, so I’m hoping to carry it over into this season,” Higgins says. “As a team, I think we need to work to get in contention for a tournament win every now and then, and definitely finish in the top five in every tournament we compete in.”

Other players include Cody Fixari—a returning starter—Rick Denny, Chris Muse and Paul VanDeventer. Joining the team are Nick Capozzoli—a transfer from Evansville—and incoming freshman Cody Nickson.

While the Raiders return three starters, reigning Horizon League champions Cleveland State brings back most of their team. But Samborsky believes his group is the one to beat.

“The competition is good, but I think we have just as good of talent—if not better—than anybody in the conference. I think we should be able to win [the league],” Samborsky says.

The bounty of Raider country

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The reformed Raider Rowdies offers free membership and prizes to students that attend Wright State athletic events.

In the past, the Raider Rowdies promoted school spirit, while another student organization—the Raider Pack—rewarded members for going to games. This summer, the two programs combined.

“We had two competing organizations with the same goal—to sell school pride. [This will] allow us to do a lot more with the students and not just focus on these

two programs,” said Mark Gazdik, the Assistant Athletic Director of Marketing.

Prizes—which escalate by attending more athletic events—include team apparel, discounts at the bookstore and free concessions. Other giveaways will be announced when sponsors are finalized. Still, there are extra benefits for members.

“We’re going to have special events and access for everyone that’s part of the Rowdies to come out and meet our coaches and athletes,” Gazdik said.

The new advisor of the Raider Rowdies—Corey Griest—believes the group can improve unity on campus.

“It creates a network of approximately 1000 students that follow athletics. They send out weekly emails about what events are going on,” Griest said. “They help us with our communication lines on campus.”

While prior membership remained around 1000 students each year, the leaders of the program want that figure to increase.

“We hope to get more members so we can maybe build some sub-committees and perhaps get new members to help out and volunteer,” Griest said.

Although Griest and Gazdik expect membership to peak during basketball season, they hope the

Raider Rowdies can promote interest in other athletics.

“Our goals are to continue to build student attendance and pride in Wright State,” Gazdik said. “I know with Corey and the leadership we have this year that we’re really going to be able to build a great program.”

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